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Applicants: Trost, David et al. PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No: 09/838,126 Group Art Unit: 2812
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE THERMAL TRANSFER BETWEEN A
WORKPIECE AND A HEATED BODY DISPOSED IN A CHAMBER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 7, 2002, the application has been preliminarily amended, with the amendments being clearly identified in the attached Chart of Amendments. Please preliminarily amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, line 7, please cancel "move" and insert-- moved--in place thereof so that the paragraph containing this sentence reads as follows:

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Referring to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, control processor 40 controls AMHS 16 to transfer plate 32 from, and to, stage 28. AMHS 16 stores the plates, one of which is shown as 32, in addressable locations, referred to as garages 50, so that plate 32 may be moved between garages 50 and stage 28. Garages 50 are designed to minimize particulate cross-contamination, and have laminar airflow therethrough to facilitate thermal control. One to six pallets 52 may be stored in each of garages 50. Plate 32 may be stored in one of garages 50 resting atop of pallet 52 or may be stored in a separate garage 50 without pallet 52 being present,